

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the three paragraphs of Specification on page 1, lines 5-13, with the following replacement paragraphs:

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Serial No. 10/027,020 filed on 12/21/2001 now issued U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ on  
(date). [[ **Att. Docket No. 112056-0006** ]] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
TRANSFERRING VOLUME OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Joydeep  
Sen Sarma et al.

Serial No. 10/027,457 filed on 12/21/2001 now issued U.S. Patent No.  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). [[ **Att. Docket No. 112056-0007** ]] entitled SYSTEM AND  
METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING DISK OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE,  
by Susan M. Coatney et al.

Serial No. 10/027,013 filed on 12/21/2001 now issued U.S. Patent  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) [[ **Att. Docket No. 112056-0020** ]] entitled  
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING SPARE DISKS IN NETWORKED  
STORAGE, by Alan L. Rowe et al.

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Please replace lines 2-5 on Specification page 3, with the following replacement paragraph:

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The physical disks are often connected to a switching network. This switching network may take the form of Fibre Channel switches connected to fibre channel loops, with each loop having a number of disks connected thereto. By utilizing a number of interconnected switches, a switching fabric can be created. This fabric allows any individual filer to have access to, subject to ownership limitations, any disk connected to the switching fabric; however, only the filer that "owns" a disk can write to that disk. One methodology of ownership of disks within a network storage environment, such as a switching fabric, is described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/027/020 filed on 12/21/2001 now issued U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) **[[ [Atty Docket No. 112056-0006] ]]** entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING VOLUME OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE by Joydeep sen Sarma et al, which is hereby incorporated by reference. Another methodology is described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/027,457 filed on 12/21/2001 now issued U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) **[[ [Atty. Docket No. 112056-0007] ]]** entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING DISK OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Susan M. Coatney et al.

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Please replace line 15 on Specification page 11, with the following replacement paragraph:

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In one embodiment, the fabric management layer, during initialization of the filer, writes the filer's unique serial number stored in NVRAM and the filer's resolvable address to the switch port memory of the port that the filer is connected to. Other devices within the switching fabric can then utilize this serial number and address information. In one exemplary embodiment, the ownership information written to disks consists of the serial number of the owning filer. This ownership methodology is described in commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/027/457 filed on 12/21/2001 now issued U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) [[ **Atty Docket No. 112056-0007** ] ] entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING DISK OWNERSHIP IN NETWORK STORAGE, by Susan M. Coatney et al., which is hereby incorporated by reference. By writing this data to the switch port memory, each device on the switching fabric can obtain both the serial number and the filer's resolvable address.

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